STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Executive Council

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Friends,

At this week's Governor & Council meeting we heard updates from the state HomeHelpNH "211" program (which helps homeowners facing foreclosure) and from the Commissioner of Health & Human Services summarizing the current status of rolling our Medicaid Managed Care program

Additionally, I expressed concerns about the practical impact of DHHS plans to restructure Meals on Wheels reimbursement to local social service agencies. Several Councilors echoed these concerns, and DHHS agreed to revisit these calculations to ensure that the impact of the changes do not hit local community action programs and other providers as currently planned.

The Council also voted to:

IN CENTRAL NH: Approve Senior Energy Assistance in Belknap & Merrimack counties and wastewater facility improvements at the Concord Hall Street facility.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Approve Senior Energy Assistance and wastewater facility improvements in Hinsdale.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Approve Senior Energy Assistance in Strafford Co and promotion of Todd Swass of Strafford to the rank of Colonel in the NH Air National Guard

STATEWIDE: Approved a "State Suggestion and Extraordinary Service" award to a Dept of Transportation employee whose initiative in finding more efficient work processes saved the state over \$37,000 in labor costs; support for Northern Border Homelands Security projects; and use of roughly 1% of the total cost of the ongoing Capital Corridor Rail study on public engagement efforts.

The Council also approved a number of appointments – full list, and likes to all the items mentioned above, are available below.

Sincerely, Colin Executive Councilor, District 2

FULL 02/12 AGENDA HERE

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

<u>Authorized</u> to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$7,841. Effective February 12, 2014 through June 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

<u>Authorized</u> to award grant aid funds to the entities as detailed in letter dated January 29, 2014, in the aggregate amount of \$2,257,646 for wastewater facility projects. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

<u>Authorized</u> to enter into a **sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$5,408. Effective February 12, 2014 through June 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

<u>Authorized</u> to award grant aid funds to the entities as detailed in letter dated January 29, 2014, in the aggregate amount of \$2,257,646 for wastewater facility projects. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

<u>Authorized</u> to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$2,519.76. Effective February 12, 2014 through June 30, 2014. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

Authorized the nomination of Lieutenant Colonel Todd E. Swass, Strafford, NH, for promotion to the rank of Colonel, NH Air National Guard. This officer meets all prerequisites for this grade, having been found to be physically, mentally, morally, and professionally qualified.

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

<u>Authorized</u> the State Suggestion and Extraordinary Service Award Evaluation Committee to award a net sum of \$1,000 to Michael Gilligan from the Department of Transportation. Effective upon G&C approval.

<u>Authorized</u> the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the NH Department of Safety for the purpose of providing Operation Stonegarden Detail Patrols. (2) Further authorized to accept and expend \$5,591 from NHDOS to offset the personnel expenditures of providing Operation Stonegarden Detail Patrols. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2015. **100% Other Funds.**

453 Authorize the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into an agreement with Montagne Communications LLC, Manchester, NH, to provide public outreach and education, public relations and information management for the NH Rail Transit Authority, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **80% Federal, 20% State Capital Funding (General Fund Bonded Expenses).**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Aviation Users Advisory Board:

Ernest F. Loomis, Concord, NH*

Christopher Nevins, Hampton, NH

Compensation Appeals Board:

Anne C. Eaton, Concord, NH*

David F. Foster, New London, NH

Mark S. Mackenzie, Manchester, NH

Robert C. Norton, Concord, NH*

Denis W. Parker, Hooksett, NH

Terence R. Pfaff, Hooksett, NH

Current Use Advisory Board:

Scott W. Bartlett, Manchester, NH

Gary J. Karp, Holderness, NH

David W. Tellman, Whitefield, NH

Dropout Prevention and Dropout Recovery Oversight Council:

Dwight Davis, Newfields, NH

Electricians' Board:

James D. Roberts, Hampton, NH

Fire Standards and Training Commission:

William S. Campbell, Amherst, NH

Judicial Council:

Matthew Houde, Plainfield, NH

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries:

Esther Kennedy, Portsmouth, NH

Midwifery Council:

Kathryn D. Cranford, Laconia, NH

Occupational Therapy Governing Board:

Wendi Guillette, Auburn, NH

Physical Therapy Governing Board:

Lea P. Bruch, Keene, NH*

Public Employee Labor Relations Board:

Mark Hounsell, Conway, NH

Director of the Division of Administration at the Department of Safety:

Elizabeth Bielecki, Bedford, NH

Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles at the Department of Safety:

Richard C. Bailey, Bow, NH

Director of the Division of State Police at the Department of Safety:

Robert L. Quinn, Seabrook, NH

Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee:

Theodore R. Jastrezembski, Hanover, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Advanced Manufacturing Education Advisory Council:

John F. Olson, Charlestown, NH*

Current Use Advisory Board:

Thomas A. Mullin, Rochester, NH*

Judicial Council:

Steven D. Lubrano, Hanover, NH Alan Seidman, Bedford, NH

Judicial Retirement Plan Board of Trustees:

Deborah B. Butler, Concord, NH*

Board of Landscape Architects:

Douglas H. Greiner, Salisbury, NH*

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries:

Peter A. Whelan, Portsmouth, NH

Board of Mental Health Practice:

Joseph P. Nadeau, Durham, NH*

Oil Fund Disbursement Board:

Thomas Klemm, Salem, NH

Personnel Appeals Board:

Joseph Casey, Rochester, NH*

Physical Therapy Governing Board:

Nicole Lavoie, Nashua, NH

Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission:

Frederick Booth, New Durham, NH

Recreational Therapy Governing Board:

Rebecca K. Taylor, Manchester, NH

Transportation Appeals Board:

Christopher R. Bean, Concord, NH*

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors:

Pamela S. Hall, Portsmouth, NH

Charles Lloyd, Concord, NH*

Waste Management Council:

Nancy E. Kinner, Lee, NH

Wetlands Council:

Deborah Lievens, Londonderry, NH ###